

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12-15 and 18-20 are pending and under consideration in the present application; Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9 and 15 having been amended; and Claim 7 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer by way of the present amendment. No new matter is introduced.

The outstanding Office Action rejected claims 1-3, 9-13, 15 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as anticipated by **Christenbery** (US 2,800,635), and claims 4-8, 12, 14, 18 and 20 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) based on **Christenbery** in view of **Boss** (US 4,855,882) and further in view of **Komai** (US 6,017,241).

Claims 1-3, 9-13, 15 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as anticipated by **Christenbery** (US 2,800,635). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 as amended recites the feature “said *apertures staggered in a longitudinal direction relative to said insulated conductors* so as to be separated by a first distance equal to a spacing between leads of a light source, where said spacing is greater than a second distance defined laterally between adjacent said insulated conductors”, and independent claims 9 and 15 as amended similarly recite the feature “said *apertures staggered in a longitudinal direction relative to said insulated conductors* so as to be separated by a first distance equal to a spacing between leads of said light emitting devices, where said spacing is greater than a second distance defined laterally between said pair of insulated conductors” (*emphasis added*). These features are supported by FIG. 6 and 9 and by ¶[0032] of the specification (corresponding to ¶[0034] as published):

[0032] Two holes 660 are provided in upper part 610 of connector 600, into which pins 670 are inserted. *Holes 660 are placed in a staggered relationship relative to wires 640, so that the spacing 's' is equal to the spacing between the leads of the LED, for example 0.1 inches.* A single pin 670 is shown removed from hole 660 in FIG. 8, and is hollow, with a central aperture 675 extending from an upper end, and a point 680 at a lower end thereof. The central aperture 675 is sized to receive a lead of an LED as a push fit, and the pins are configured to be a push fit into holes 660. Pins 670 may be made of brass or any other suitable material. The leads of an LED (not shown) are inserted into central apertures 675 in pins 670, which are then inserted through holes 660 in upper part 610 of connector 600, and the points 680 of pins 670 penetrate the outer insulation layers 645 of wires 640, to make contact with the inner conductors 650 thereof. In one example, the overall size of the connector 600 is 0.25 inches wide and 0.1875 inches high.

(Emphasis added)

Christenbery fails to teach or suggest either “apertures staggered in a longitudinal direction relative to said insulated conductors” or a spacing between leads of a light source or light emitting device that is greater than a spacing between insulated conductors. Instead, **Christenbery** has a lead spacing that is equal to the conductor spacing. Independent Claims 1, 9 and 15 are therefore allowable over **Christenbery**, as are all claims that depend therefrom.

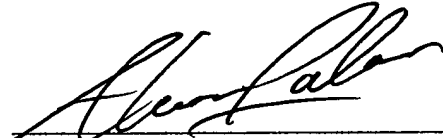
Claims 4-8, 12, 14, 18 and 20 were rejected as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) based on **Christenbery** in view of **Boss** (US 4,855,882) and further in view of **Komai** (US 6,017,241). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

These claims depend from independent Claims 1, 9 and 15. As the independent Claims 1, 9 and 15 are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above, and as neither **Boss** nor **Komai** teaches or suggests either staggered apertures or a lead spacing greater than a conductor spacing, Claims 4-6, 8, 12, 14, 18 and 20 are therefore also allowable (Claim 7 has been cancelled).

Consequently, the present application, as amended, overcomes the rejections of record and is in condition for allowance, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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